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Arthur Holly Compton Washington University Saint Louis 5, Missouri

March 3, 1960

Dear Leo:

First let me tell of my deep and sincere sorrow at the news of your serious illness.

Let me further say that with the passing years I have become more clearly aware of the sincerity and earnestness and effectiveness of your efforts to turn the development of nuclear energy to the preservation of freedom throughout the world.

It is true that we have not always seen eye to eye as to how these humane ends could best be achieved. But of the sincerity of your intent I have never had a doubt. Also your clear understanding of human reactions is impressive to me, and has led you to foresee with unusual clarity some trends of history.

My I venture the prediction, which neither of us will probably be able to test, that history will see you not only as one of the important initiators of the "atomic" age but also as one who labored bravely to make of that age a condition of life under which men could enjoy an increasing degree of safety and mutual confidence, in spite of the threats of war.

With sincere friendship,

Arthur C.

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